# GIRDLES THE GLOBE

IS WHAT OUR NEWS SUM-MARY DOES.

# IS DEAD THIS TIME

OFFICER SHOT SUPPOSED TO BE AGUINALDO.

Saddle Bags on Horse from Which He Fell Contained Aguinaldo's Diary and Valuable Papers-Come panions Carried Off Body.

Vigan, Luzon: Maj. March, with his detachment of the Thirty-third Regiment, overtook what is believed to have been Aguinaldo's party on May 19 at La Gat, about 100 miles northeast of Vigan. The Americans killed or wounded an officer supposed to have been Aguinaldo, whose body was removed by his followers.

Aguinaldo had 100 men, Maj. March 125. The American commander reached Laboagan, where Aguinaldo had made his headquarters since March 6, on May 7. Aguinaldo had fled seven hours before, leaving all the beaten trails and traveling through the forest along the beds of streams. Towards evening, May 19, Maj. March struck Aguinaldo's outpost about a mile outside of La Gat, killing four Filipinos and capturing No. From the latter he learned that Aguinaldo had camped there for the night. Although exhausted and half starved Maj. March's men entered La Gat on the run. They saw the insurgents scattering into the bushes or over the plateau.

A thousand yards beyond the town, on the mountain side, the figures of twentyfive Filipinos, dressed in white, with their leader on a gray horse, were silhouetted against the sunset. The Americans fired a volley and saw the officer drop from his horse. His followers fled, carrying the body. The Americans, on reaching the spot, caught the horse, which was richly saddled. Blood from a badly wounded man was on the animal and on the ground. The saddle bags contained Aquinaldo's diary and some private papers, including proclamations. One of these was addressed: "To the Civilized Nations."

It protested against the American occupation of the Philippines. There was also found copies of Senator Beveridge's speech, translated into Spanish, and entitled the "Death Knell of the Filiping People."

## SOLDIERS HELD UP.

Old Fashioned Stage Robbery Is Reported in California.

Raymond, Cal.: One of the boldest robberies ever committed in California occurred Monday when three of the Yosemite Stage and Turnpike Company's stages, a private conveyance and two soldiers of Troop F, Sixth Cavalry, from the Presidio, who were en route to the Yosemite Park, were held up by two highwaymen. The holdup occurred at a point two miles from Grub Gulch, where the country is thickly covered with chapparel. Sergeant Buchanan and another trooper had gone ahead of the cavalry to make arrangements for selecting a camping place. The highwaymen suddenly appeared, masked, and getting the drop on the troopers took away their guns and held the troopers till | St. Louis Business and Professional the stages arrived. Gne robber then took a hat belonging to T. 11. Griffiths, a passenthe passengers, after which he ordered the driver to go on. Each stage was succes-\$350. The mail and express matter were

# MAY REMOVE VAN WYCK.

Roosevelt Has Case of New York

Mayor Under Consideration. New York: Gov. Roosevelt announced Monday that he would confer with Attorney General Davies concerning the citizens' petitions praying for the removal of Mayor Van Wyck from office because of his holding stock in the American Ice Famous Comic Opera Singer Is Company, of which the city is the largest patron. In addition to the affidavits which form the basis for the impeachment and known actress, was committed to the inproposed removal of the mayor, the governor will receive a list of the stockholders of the American Ice Company, which will include the names of six justices of the supreme court. In case of the removal of Mayor Van Wyek, Randolph Gugenheimer, president of the municipal council, would become mayor. He held one share of Consolidated Ice stock, but sold it some time igo, he says.

# CUBAN EXTRADITION BILL.

Measure Passes the Senate After an Extended Debate.

Washington: After an extended debate he senate June 2 passed the bill providing for extradition of persons who have committed certain crimes in Cuba from the United States to the island. As amended, the bill provides that the alleged criminal shall be punished under the laws of Cubi as administered by Cuban courts.

# Wedding Guest Murdered.

Harry Richards and Ida May Cockwell harmed. Frank Adams, a guest, shot and instantly killed Joe Mulligan, another guest, who had thrown a bottle at him. The parties to the tragedy had been drinking beer to the bride's health.

Extradition Papers Signed. New York: Gov. Roosevelt has signed the Neely extradition papers, and they were forwarded to Washington.

# Curtailing Expenses.

Havana: Acting Director General of Cuban Posts Bristow has reduced the expenses of the department \$1,500 by discharging three servants of Mr. Rathbone, whose wages had been carried on the official list, a coachman at \$900 a year, a gard- and killing them. ener at \$360 and a laborer at \$240.

# Workmen Insurance Killed.

the government bill to insure workmen morning. Its liabilities are unofficially against accidents. It is believed the estimates at \$75,000 to \$100,000. It is imministry will resign.

#### INJUNCTION GOES TO FAR.

Court Dissolves Restraining Order

Preventing Strike Benefits. New York: Justice Andrews, in the supreme court, has dissolved the sweeping injunction against the Cigarmakers' Union which prohibited the payment by members of the union of strike benefits, and practically made it unlawful to contribute to the support of a striker's family when the head of the house was out of work.

The injunction dissolved was to restrain temporarily the members of Cigarmakers' International Union No. 144 from interfering with the business of the plaintiffs, S. Levy & Co.

Justice Andrews says temporary injunction was granted properly on the papers before Judge Freedman, but that the defendants have met the allegations, which were largely on information and belief, with specific denials of the material allegations by the different individual referred to in the moving papers, so that the injunction cannot be continued. The allegations of the plaintiffs of threats of intimidation, the justice says, are not borne out on all the papers presented.

With regard to the payment of strike moneys, the justice finds that the plaintiffs have not proved the alleged purpose of the payment. The plaintiffs said the moneys were paid to keep up the strike and injure the plaintiffs. Judge Andrews finds that the moneys were not paid to interfere with or injure the business of the plaintiffs, but that the moneys were paid to the strikers to support them and their families pending the strike, for which an injunction will not

## AGAINST THE AMENDMENT.

House Votes Not to Incorporate One

Condemning All Trusts. Washington: The house of representatives on the 2d inst., after a lively debate extending over two days, defeated the joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment empowering congress to regulate trusts. It requires a two-thirds vote under the constitution to adopt an amendment to the constitution.

The vote stood: Ayes, 154; nays, 131. The affirmative vote, therefore, was 38 short of the requisite two-thirds, 192.

Five Democrats and one silver Republican voted with the Republicans for the

These were the only breaks from party

The Populists voted solidly against the

#### resolutions. KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS LOSE.

Federal Judge Renders Decision in

the Lloyd Intoxication Case. Chicago: The second trial of the case of Jane Wiley Lloyd against the supreme lodge of the Knights of Pythias, involving the intoxication clause in the insurance policies of that order, resulted in a verdict of \$3,475 for the plaintiff. Judge Kohlsaat, in the United States circuit court, rendered the decision. A policy of \$3,000 was issued to Walter Lloyd in 1889. He died in 1897 and the supreme lodge refused to pay the loss, as his death is said to have resulted from intoxication. It is claimed this provision was not in Lloyd's policy, but was inserted two years later. The court of appeals reversed the first judgment on the ground that the clause was retroactive.

# GETTING A BIG POSSE.

Men Forced to Do Strike Duty.

St. Louis, Mo .: The summoning of citiger on the stage, and collected \$150 from | zens to make up a posse of 2,500 deputy sheriffs, called for by the board of police comissioners to aid the police in preservsively held up, the robbers getting about | ing order, resulted in many business and professional men being sworn in. After being divided into squads of twenty the deputies were placed under command of a captain, who drilled the men in the use of riot shotguns. Many never had a gun in their hands before, and it was a decided novelty. As soon as possible these squads are assigned for duty, being distributed over the different street car lines.

# DELLA FOX INSANE.

Committed to an Insane Asylum. New York: Della May Fox, the well sane asylum at Astoria, Long Island, on petition of her brother. Evidence showed she is laboring under a delusion.

Judgement Against Police Officers. Chicago: Judge Tuley entered formal judgement of outer against Assistant Chief of Police Patacek and Inspectors Heidelmyre, Hartnett and Kalas. This action was in accordance with the decision rendered by Judge Tuley over a week ago sustaining the Chicago civil service law, the court deciding that the police officials named were holding office in violation of the operations of that law.

Attack Free Dispensary. Chicago: A boy disappeared here and his boy companion reported that he had been waylaid and killed by the doctors connected with a free dispensary. In a few moments a mob of several hundred people was at work demolishing the building. Clubs were used freely and several arrests made before the crowd was dispersed. Columbus, O.: At the wedding of Later the missing boy was found un-

> Montana Express Office Robbed. Miles City, Mont .: The Northern Pacific express office was robbed of a \$5,000 package and \$300 received for the sale of tickets. Fred Morrow, night operator, was acting for Station Agent Bipson, and the money was taken during Morrow's absence. Morrow has been operator for about three

## Three killed by Lightning. St. Clare, Mich.: Capt. Artic Morrison,

Frank Campbell and William Medlar, were killed by lightning May 31. The men were at work on a new boat; lightning struck the mast, passing into the cabin

# Owes Nearly \$100,000.

Pentwater, Mich.: The banking house The Hague; The first chamber rejected of Nielson & Co. closed its doors Monday possible to form an estimate of the assets. ern, 13c to 15c.

## AN EIGHT-YEAR OLD HERO.

Saves Brother and Sister, but Sees

Mother and Babe Perish. Media, Pa.: Two children were dragged from a burning house on the truck farm of Stoer Bicklee May 31 by their 8-year-old brother, who, driven out by the flames, was forced to leave his mother and her baby to perish. His mother, while carrying a baby and a lamp, fell on the stairway, the lamp setting fire to the house. The carpet, saturated with oil from the lamp burned fiercely, and the boy realizing the house was doomed, dragged out his brother and sister, who were intent on rushing through the fire to their mother Then he returned for his mother, who clasped her baby, but her weight was too great for his little arms, and as the flames were closing in on him he gave a last despairing look at the doomed woman and fled, beart broken, to a place of safety.

# CONFESSION THAT DID NOT GO

Judge Rebukes Prison Authorities

by Releasing Convict. Buffalo, N. Y .: Judge Lamert created a sensation at the criminal term of the supreme court by excluding a confession and directing the jury to acquit the defendant in the case of Frederick Schreiber, a former inmate of the penitentiary, who was placed on trial on a charge of arson in setting fire to a pig pen at the penitentiary. The justice took this action after Schreiber had testified that a confession was wrung from him by imprisoning him in a dungeon with his hands handcuffed above his head and subjecting him to other tortures. Schreiber swore that he did not set fire to the pen.

#### TO ARREST TAYLOR.

Warrant Issued Charging Him with

Being Accessory to Murder. Frankfort, Ky .: Circuit Clerk Ford received an order from Judge Cantrill May 31, directing him to issue a bench warrant for the arrest of former Gov. Taylor. The warrant was based on an indictment charging Taylor with being an accessory to the murder of Goebel. The warrant was placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff

## WELL KNOWN SURGEON DEAD

resolution and two Republicans with the Dr. Truman Miller of Chicago a Victim of Blood Poisoning.

Chicago: Dr. Truman W. Miller, one of the best known surgeons in the west, died May 31 of blood poisoning. He served as a surgeon in the civil war.

## Forest Fires Cause Heavy Loss.

St. Johns, N. B.: Forest fires have raged in the woods about this city in every direction, and reports arriving show that serious damage has been done. The heaviest damage is reported from St. Martins, thirty miles from here. There a spark from an engine on the Central Railroad started a fire which destroyed sixty-five buildings and two-thirds of the village. The loss is estimated at \$65,000.

## Look on in Horror.

Champaign, Ill.: Lou Anderson, agent for a picture frame house in Chicago, was crushed to death by an engine here, while occupants of a crowded car looked on in horror. A heroic effort was made by A. Strohm of the University of Illinois library school to rescue the unfortunate man from the wheels of the engine, but in vain.

Steamer Goes Ashore in a Fog. Mackinaw City, Mich.: In a dense fog May 31 the steel steamer Seguin, bound down light, ran ashore half a mile west of McGuldin's Point. She is a Canadian craft valued at \$80,000. The fog was so dense that captians could not see the length of their crafts.

## Taylor Will Run Again. Martinsville, Ind.: W. S. Taylor, recent claimant for the governorship of Ken-

tucky, who is now at the mineral springs here, has announced that he will make the race again this autumn on an anti-Goebel and anti-Goebel election law platform. Switchmen Pick Milwaukec.

#### Detroit: The grand lodge of the Switchmen's Union of North Ameaica, at the last session here, selected Milwaukee as the

place for holding the next convention. MARKET QUOTATIONS. Sioux City-Cattle, common to prime,

\$2.50@5.00; hogs, \$5.00@5.20; sheep, \$2,25@7.00; wheat, 54c; corn, 30@31c; oats, 20@22e; butter, dairy 13@15, creamery, Chicago-Cattle, common to prime,

\$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$5.50; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 66c to 67c; corn, No. 2, 36c to 38c; oats, No. 2, 21c to 22e; rye, No. 2, 55e to 57c; butter, choice creamery, 19c to 20c; eggs, fresh, 11c to 13c; new potatoes, \$2.50 to \$3.25; Indianapolis-Cattle, shipping, \$2.00 to

\$5.75; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$5.50; sheep, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 71c to 73c; corn, No. 2 white, 39c to 41c; oats, No. 2 white, 26c to 27c.

St. Louis-Cattle, \$3.25 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.25; vellow, 36c to 38c; oats, No. 2, 23c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 56c to 57c. Cincinnati-Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.75;

wheat, No. 2, 72c to 73c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 41c to 42c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 24c to 26c; rye, No. 2, 61c to 62c. Detroit-Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00;

wheat, No. 2, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 2

yellow, 39c to 40c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 29e; rye, 60e to 62e. Toledo-Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 74c to 76e; corp, No. 2 mixed, 39e to 41e; oats, No. 2 mixed, 23c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 57c to 59c; clover seed, new, \$4.95 to \$5.05. Milwankee-Wheat, No. 2 northern,

66c to 67c; corn, No. 3, 39c to 41c; oats. No. 2 white, 25c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 56c to 57c; barley, No. 2, 42c to 44c; pork, mess, \$11.25 to \$11.75. Buffalo-Cattle, choice shipping steers,

\$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, fair to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$5.50; lambs, common to extra, \$4.50 to

New York-Cattle, \$3.25 to \$6.00; hogs, 42c to 43c; oats, No. 2 white, 28c to 30c;

# STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CON-DENSED FORM.

Because an Alliance Jeweler Asked a Man Named Mathews to Pay Bill He Owed, He Was Struck with a Coupling Pin and Killed.

E. G. Wait, a jeweler of Alliance, was murdered May 26 by a man named Mathews. Wait asked Mathews to settle a small bill which he owed, whereupon Mathews struck him on the head with a piece of car coupling, from the effects of about the house. which Wait died within a few hours. He died unconscious.

dren. Mathews also has a family. Mathbeing guarded. Wait was an inoffensive man while Mathews is a desperate, dangerous character. A post mortem examinhad been terribly injured and the blow a death blow. Wait's safe is shut with many watches belonging to railroad men inside and the combination known to no one. His family is greatly dis ressed and the community terribly shocked by the tragedy. SMALLPOX CASES AT KEARNEY

## FIGHTING THE RATE LAW.

Union Pacific Makes Answer to Suit

of Attorney General. An answer was filed in the supreme court a few days ago by the attorneys of the Union Pacific Railroad in conection with the suit brought by the state against the company some months ago, in which something less than \$500,000 is demanded as a penalty for alleged violation of the maximum freight law passed by the Ne- quested him to send up an expert in such braska legislature in 1893. The answer is one to the original petition filed by Attorney General Smyth in the case.

In one section the company sets up that in this matter the state supreme court has not original jurisdiction, as the suit-is practically a criminal one. No such authority or jurisdiction, says the answer, is conferred by section 2, article 6 of the state constitution, which reads:

"It (the supreme court) shall have original jurisdiction in cases relating to the revenue, civil cases in which the state shall be a party, mandamus, quo warranto and

habeas corpus." has no authority to take into its consideration for a moment the subject matter of promises to be a record breaker. the petition of Attorney General Smyth. It is then pointed out that under section 9 of the maximum freight rate law proceedings for the collection of fines shall be under the criminal code and by information | the Commercial Club. The object was the or indictment. Neither of these courses, it promotion of the Omaha-Yankton air line. is stated, have been pursued in the present | Its advantages were set forth at the lunch-

months to come.

# FAMILY FEUD IS SHOT OUT.

Stevens Family Tries to Wipe Out the Merrimans.

About 6 o'clock on the afternoon of May 29 while Frank Merriman and wife were at work building a fence on their farm one mile southwest of Miller, they were John Stevens, father and brothers of Mrs. Merriman, with shotguns, rifles and revolvers. Merriman's story is that he and his wife were warned by two boys that the Stevens family were after them. Soon after they appeared and shot his dog, and he received the next charge in his left breast and arm and the next in the face and neck. Merriman had his pumpgun on the wagon standing nearby, which he secured and emptied at his assailants. J. W. Stevens, the father, had fifteen shot removed from his face and neck. The boys are in about the same condition. Merriman is thought in the Lincoln County jail for over a to be the most seriously hurt. His left | month. breast is full of shot. The shooting is the result of an old family feud.

# LIFE WAS A BURDEN.

J. H. Langlois of Silver Creek Sends a Bullet into His Brain.

On returning home at Silver Creek from the Decoration Day services at the Methodist Episcopal Church Mrs. J. H. Langlois found her husband lying on the bed with an ugly bullet wound in his forehead. A doctor was summoned and removed the bullet, which had lodged over the eye at and about \$85 worth of razors and pocketthe base of the brain. A number of pieces knives taken, besides \$5 in silver from the of skull were removed and a small portion | till. of the brain. Mr. Langlois has been in ill health for some time past, and it is thought that in a fit of despondency he had attempted to take his life. He used a 38caliber revolver. Mr. Langlois is one of the firm of Barth & Langlois of the Silver Creek Roller Mills. He purchased a half interest in the mills recently and removed about six weeks ago from Carroll,

· Irrigation Canal Project. which has been regularly discussed seems good prospects of being an assured fact everything. A shot from the officer's reere long. The canal will be seventy miles | volver sent the dog to the happy land of wheat, No. 2, 70c to 72c; corn, No. 2 in length and the territory to be irrigated canines. includes a out five miles in width, extend- It is announced in dispatches from Ma of the enterprise say that nothing now interferes with the work on the canal except the delay in the arrival of the necessary Bayard within a fortnight.

# Killed by Lightning.

A man named St. Clair, living near Gross, Boyd County, while on his way to O'Neill one day last week with a load of hogs, was struck by lightning and incity. He was found the next morning lying in the mud at the side of his wagon. One of the horses was also killed.

School Bonds Defeated. At a special election held at Plainview to vote on the bond proposition of building a new \$5,000 school house the bonds were defeated by a vote of 52 for to 67 against. The cause of the defeat was the light vote and a wrangle over the site.

Mathews Held for Murder. At the preliminary hearing of Mathews \$3.00 to \$5.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.50; at Alliance for the murder of E. G. Walt, wheat, No. 2 red, 81c to 83c; corn, . 2, the prisoner waived an examination and was held to the district court without bail.

## SHE HID HER FORTUNE,

Heirs of an Omaha Woman Find \$37,000 Secreted in Odd Nooks. The heirs of Mrs. Ellen C. Lucas, whose death occured in Omaha a few days ago, have uncovered a fortune of over \$37,000, which had been hidden in soug nooks about the old homestead at 1221 Chicago

Street. John C. Lucas, son of the dead woman, was assured that his mother was possessed of a large amount of money, but upon proving the legality of his claim at the bank was surprised to find that the supposed fortune had dwindled to \$10,000. He confided his views on the situation to his aunts and among them the heirs came to the conclusion that Mrs. Lucas must have hidden her valuables in some cache

A systematic search was begun and after several hours one of the party discovered Wait leaves a family, wife and two chil- a small iron box concealed beneath the floor in the dead woman's bedroom. It was ews is in charge of Sheriff Sweeney and | found to contain a pile of gold and silver money and paper currency. The searchers were still unsatisfied and continued their quest for some time longer. Their ation developed that the brain and skull zeal was again rewarded by the discovery of another iron box in a narrow passageway leading from the cellar beneath the sidewalk. The total amount secured was \$37,000 in coin and several thousand dollars in bonds.

and Spread in Midway City.

Disease Brought from Oklahoma

Kearney citizens were startled May 29 by the report that there were seven known cases of smallpox in town. A couple of physicians went to Mayor Hostlet and reported that they had been attending several persons afected with a disease thought to be a mild form of smallpox. The mayor at once telephoned Gov. Poynter and recases. Dr. Towne of the state board of health went up and after an examination of the cases pronounced them smallpox.

It is not known but that there are more than the seven cases in town, as part of these were located late in the afternoon, and it is known that many more persons were exposed to the person most badly affeeted. It is thought the disease was brought from Oklahoma by Hose Shields, an old Kearney boy, who returned from there recently.

York Prepares for Firemen.

The finance committee of the York firemen reports that York citizens are freely The railroad company further avers that subscribing and that they will have suffihe company is one organized under the | cient funds to carry on the firemen's state laws of the state of Utah and is therefore tournament meeting to be held in York not amenable to Nebraska law in this mat- and hang up some of the largest cash ter. It is set forth that no competent court | prizes. Every day the secretary is receivhas ever convicted the Union Pacific Rail- ing letters from different firemen organizaroad of any violations of the maximum tions in the state, who write that they are freight rate law, and that until such an coming and that they will have half of occurrence takes place the supreme court | their towns come with them. York has entertained large crowds, but this meeting

Omaha-Yankton Bonds Sold. A delegation of Yanktonians visited Omaha May 30 and were entertained by eon and Omaha appointed a committee of No briefs have as yet been filed in sup- | ways and means. One of the visitors said port of either side and the case may not be that bonds had been sold to pay for the taken up in the supreme court for some construction of the road. Omaha is expected to furnish the terminal facilities.

Cattle for Nebraska Herds.

Uriah Chester has brought to Ainsworth twenty-six head of Hereford bulls, cows and heifers from Guelph, Ont., to add to the big herd of white faces owned by Chester brothers. Brown County stockmen are fast adding the finest of blooded animals to their herds.

attacked by J. W., Charles, Elmer and Harvard Superintendent Resigns. S. P. Arnot, superintendent of the publie schools at Harvard, has resigned, having decided to engage in business. This leaves a vacancy which the board of edu-

#### cation feels will be hard to fill this late. Nebraska Short Notes.

An extension is to be made to the Bancroft water works system. The Methodists of Leigh expect to build

a new church this summer. There has not been a prisoner confined

The Christian Endeavorers of the First district of Nebraska will meet in conven-

tion in Pender June 8-10. The estate of John Fester, deceased, who was killed by a train at Gibbon last month, received \$200 from the Union Pacific Rail-

road Company.

The mayor of Beatrice has given notice to all eigar and eandy dealers that all nickel-in-the-slot machines must be removed or the dealers would be prosecuted. The hardware store belonging to August Schneider was broken into at Cedar Creek

Bernard Schoenebeck, a farmer near Howell, was thrown from a disc harrow and became entangled with the implement in such a way as to receive a broken leg

and several cuts and bruises.

Sandy Mastick of Brown County reports killing upward of twenty rattlesnake last week while plowing on his ranch on the Niobrara. Others report these poisonous pests unusually numerous this spring. Officer Mechan of Columbus was called The farmers' canal project at Bayard, to the residence of Joseph Flynn to kill a mad dog. The dog was found to be acting o have taken on a new lease of life with very strangely, snapping and snarling at

ing over a semi-arid beit. The propretors | nila that Scott I. Larson of Seward died on | May 12 from typhoid fever. He was a member of Company G, Thirty-ninth Infantry, and had been in the service since men and material which is expected in August of last year. He was the son of Louis Larson of Seward and was about 21

years of age. J. A. Foster of Fairment had both hands badly burned in a peculiar manner. He had a sore finger bandaged in cloth which he kept saturated with gasoline. Upon startly killed about nine miles north of the striking a match with which to light his pipe the material ignited and there was a redhot time in his immediate vicinity for about sixty seconds.

> A small cyclone struck a shed belonging to George Goit of Wauneta and carried it about 100 feet and smashed it to smithereens. It was carried over a feed rack without damaging the rack. No other damage was done.

Mr. Ball, a man 70 years old, drew a revolver on George Rogers, a stockman of Ord, threatening to shoot him. A warrant was issued, charging him with carrying concealed weapons and when the sheriff went to serve it the old man drew a butcher knife to resist the officer. He will be tried on the charge and then put under bonds to butter, creamery, 16c to 21c; eggs, west- The body of Wait goes to Marshalltown keep the peace, as he has threatened others.

# CLOSE ON PRETORIA.

BRITISH TROOPS NEAR TRANS-VAAL CAPITAL,

Republican Army Retreats Toward Lydenburg-Boers Are Said to Be Preparing for a Last Desperate Stand-Lord Roberts Occupies Johannesburg.

Belted messages from Pretoria received in London confirm the reports of the departure of President Kruger with his cabinet and staff officials Tuesday night and the selection at a meeting of citizens of a committee to administer the city provisionally. However, the late advices do not paint the situation in as rosy a hue as did those previously sent out, for Pretoria has not been occupied so far as the official dispatches show at this writing, and the recently annexed "Orange River Colony" is far from pacified, as Gen. Rundle is reported as losing fortyfive men killed, besides many wounded, in a battle in the former Free State. Sharp fighting occurred in the vicinity

of Johannesburg, indicating that the burghers are not inclined to give up without a struggle. It is expected that serious opposition will be met before the Transvaal army is crushed, and even the capture of Pretoria will avail little if the well-armed troops of Kruger are still to be located and defeated. Since these telegrams left on Wednes-

day nothing, apparently, has reached Lourenzo Marquez by telegraph from Pretoria. Possibly the wires have been cut. Possibly the Boer censorship at some intermediate point intercepts telegrams. The possession of Johannesburg, at all events, as Lord Roberts has telegraphed, is a fact. State's Attorney Smuts did not depart with President Kruger, but remained in Pretoria.

The Boers lately confronting Lord Roberts appear to have gone eastward also, toward the Lydenburg region. The defenders of Laing's Nek, when their posi-



tion becomes too perilous, will probably trek straight northward toward Lydenburg. When this concentration takes place there will be possibly 20,000 men, who may hold out for a time, with scattered bands of guerrillas elsewhere.

The press dispatches from the headquarters of Lord Roberts give no estimate as to the number of Boers who were fighting Gen. French and Gen. Ian Hamilton Monday and Tuesday, but they all agree that the Boers retired and that the British casualties were slight.

While some newspapers regard the practical surrender of Pretoria as the end of the war, there are others that do not venture such a sanguine opinion, contenting themselves by saying it is the beginning of the end. They recall the frequently reiterated intention of the Boers to withdraw to the mountains at Lydenburg, and find confirmation of this intention in the fact that President Kruger has gone to Waterfallhoven. From that place the main road runs due north to: Lydenburg. They agree that if the President was merely seeking to escape capture he would continue his journey to Lourenzo Marques instead of halting at Waterfallhoven, which is 110 miles west

of the eastern frontier of the Transvaal. There remains, apparently, the possibility of guerrilla war, but as this would be hopeless and unavailing it is probable the Boers, with a certain hard good sense which lies at the bottom of their characacter, will perceive the uselessness of further resistance. The British authorities at Buluwayo think the Boers will retire into Southern Rhodesia. Events elsewhere in the field of war seem to dwindle in comparison. Gen. Hunter reentered the Transvaal at Maribogopan Tuesday. The advance was made off the railway. Water is scarce, and all the farms are deserted.

Maribogopan is half way between Vrvburg and Mafeking. Gen. Baden-Powell is invading farther north, without opposition. In Northern Natal Utrecht has surrendered to Gen. Hildyard, and Gen. Lyttleton is moving to Vryheld. Three different correspondents estimate the number of Boers at Laing's Nek at about 10,000. There has been little fighting since

Bloemfontein was entered. Boer armies have retreated steadily, abandoning one position after another, and offering no opposition to Lord Roberts' advance. The Transvaal capital has been considered "impregnable." It is certainly so situated and fortified that, had the Boers chosen to defend it, a protracted siege and much sacrifice of life and treasure would have been required for its reduction.

# WAR NEWS IN BRIEF.

Rundle has occupied Ladybrand. Boers are intrenching along the Vaal

Boers are endeavoring to reorganize among Heidelburg hills. Gen. Brabant is reported to have captured 1,500 prisoners at Clocolan.

The exodus of Boer women and chil-

dren from Pretoria toward Lydenburg has begun. Boers are said to be intrenched for desperate fight at Rhenoster river, between

Kroonstadt and Vaal river. Boers loaded two locomotives with dynamité and caused them to collide, wrecking the tunnel at Laing's Nek.

Special prayers of thanksgiving for Mafeking's relief were offered in churches of the United Kingdom.

During the next thirty days 3,869 officers and men and 2,285 horses will be shipped from England to South Africa.